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AFDROUGHT

EC BRUSSELS FOR MARTIN; PARIS FOR HELMAN; ROME FOR FODAG

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SUBJECT: DROUGHT EFFECT ON MALI AS SEEN BY GOM

1. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN APRIL 16 ESSOR,
MINDEF DOUKARA GAVE A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE EFFECTS OF THE
DROUGHT IN MALI, THE EFFORTS OF THE GOM TO DEAL WITH
IT, AID RECEIVED FROM OTHERS DURING 1973, AND AN
INDICATION OF GOM POLICY TOWARD THE NOMAD, IN THE
VI REGION.

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2. FULL TEXT OF INTERVIEW BEING SENT BY POUCH, BUT

BELIEVE HIGHLIGHTS, INCLUDING SOME PREVIOUSLY UNRELEASED STATISTICS, WILL BE HELPFUL.

3. IN 1973, EXTERNAL AID IN THE FORM OF CEREALS TOTALLED 103,000 TONS. NEEDS EXPRESSED FOR 1974 TOTAL 350,000 TONS.

4. ABOUT THREE-FIFTHS OF THE AREA AND FORTY PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF MALI ARE AFFECTED BY THE DROUGHT.

5. THE AREAS THE MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED ARE:

A) ALL OF THE REGION OF GAO;

B) FIFTH REGION: THE CERCLES OF MOPTI, NIAFUNKE, DOUENTZA, TENENKOU, DJENNE;

C) FOURTH REGION: CERCLES OF SEGOU, NIONO NORTH, MACINA, SAN, TOMINIAN;

D) THIRD REGION: AREA OF YOROSSO;

E) SECOND REGION: AREAS OF BAMAKO, KOULIKORO, BANAMBA, NARA;

F) FIRST REGION: AREAS OF KAYES, NIORO, YELIMANE

5. AFTER LISTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED DURING 1973 BOTH FROM INSIDE AND OUTSIDE MALI, THE MINDEF SAID, "TO REINFORCE OUR LOGISTICS, WE HAVE ACQUIRED THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES:

30 BERLIET GGBBC-8
10 BERLIET GLR
43 LAND ROVERS
10 SEMI-TRAILERS OF 25 TONS
25 ZIL 131
50 ZIL 130
12 TANKER VEHICLES FOR WATER

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6. AFTER GIVING EXAMPLES OF FOOD AID RECEIVED, DOUKARA LISTED PRINCIPAL DONORS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: USA, FRG, FRANCE, USSR, FED, UNICEF, PBUK CATHOLIC RELIEF OF FRANCE AND FRG, THE GDR, HOLLAND, AUSTRIA AND MOROCCO.

7. HE NOTED THAT THE ARMY HAD PLACED ALL OF ITS AVAILABLE VEHICLES AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL

COMMITTEE FOR AID TO DROUGHT VICTIMS, AND DURING 1973
HAD TRANSPORTED 70,000 TONS OF SUPPLIES.

8. HE OBSERVED THAT AIRLIFTS HAD TRANSPORTED 12,000 TONS
OF GOODS IN 1973, AND GAVE THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN:

USA	150 DAYS	6,700 TONS
UK	50 DAYS	2,575 TONS
FRG	40 DAYS	1,500 TONS
USSR	53 DAYS	776 TONS
NETHERLANDS	60 DAYS	200 TONS
FRANCE	13 DAYS	172 TONS
BELGIUM	7 DAYS	75 TONS
SWITZERLAND	1 DAY	31 TONS

8. DOUKARA THEN SAID THERE WERE TWO SOLUTIONS TO THE
PROBLEM OF THE NOMADS: FIRST, TO LET THEM LIVE IN THEIR
TRADITIONAL PLACES, IN WHICH CASE IT WOULD BE NECESSARY
TO TRY TO HELP THEM ACROSS 800 THOUSAND SQUARE
KILOMETERS OF DESERT, ACROSS A TERRAIN PRACTICALLY
WITHOUT ROADS, AND TO TRY TO RECONSTITUTE THEIR HERDS,
WHICH HAD BEEN REDUCED BY SEVENTY PERCENT TO NINETY
PERCENT. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE GOM DID NOT HAVE THE
MEANS TO ADOPT THIS SOLUTION. THE OTHER SOLUTION,
WHICH THE GOM HAD CHOSEN, WAS TO GROUP THE MOST
SERIOUSLY STRICKEN NOMADS IN ENCAMPMENTS OF RELATIVELY
EASY ACCESS AND TAKE CARE OF THEM THROUGH PUBLIC FUNDS.
THUS, GOM HAS CREATED 29 REGROUPMENT CENTERS IN THE
GAO REGION, PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY ABOUT 50,000
PEOPLE OUT OF A POPULATION OF 600,000 IN THE REGION.
THE FIGURE OF 50,000 HE SAID IS INDICATIVE ONLY, AND
IS LIKELY TO INCREASE.

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9. EMBASSY COMMENT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
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